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Hungary Releases 1950 Stamp Program

Hungary's stamp program for 1949 was closed when on December 21 a set of three stamps was issued to celebrate the 70th birth anniversary of Joseph Stalin, Russia's dictator.

Denominations in the set were 60 filler, 1 and 2 Forints.

A rather ambitious program in the matter of new stamps is announced by the Hungarian Postal Administration. Sent in by the Hungaria Philatelic Society of New York City these stamps are listed as follows:

On February 1, a propaganda issue will glorify the new five year plan, and play up the "success" of the three year plan just ended.

Women will again be recognized on stamps when on March 8 a set of three stamps will appear for International Woman's Day.

The restoration of "freedom" in Hungary will be marked on April 4 with either a single stamp or a set.

A single stamp issued on April 28 will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Hungarian Postal Museum at Budapest.

May Day, on May 1, the great national holiday of Communism will be remembered with a set of stamps.

Again this year, Hungary will honor its youth with a set of stamps, and possibly a souvenir sheet as it did in 1949. The set is scheduled to appear in June.

Possibly the largest issue from the number of stamps alone will be released in August when from eight to ten stamps will comprise the series to commemorate the annual athletic meeting.

Either in September or October, a propaganda set will appear with the designs picturing a number of the beauty spots of Hungary. The intention here seems to be an annual issue for the purpose.

Then on December 1, the fourth annual Day of the Stamp issue is to appear. Possibly as in the past, the set or single stamp will be printed in miniature sheets of four stamps.

Added to the above program, states the Hungaria Philatelic Society, will be a completely new set of airmail stamps, a new series of postage due stamps, and another Petoffi set in colors different from previous stamps for him.

Strato-Cruiser First Flight Carried Stamp Show Publicity

A good publicity stunt, coming as it does several months before the London International Stamp Exhibition in May, was the inclusion of news of the show in a first British Strato-Cruiser Flight from London to New York.

The cover was supplied by British Overseas Airways Corporation who on the enclosed letter offered their facilities to carry the collector to London for the exhibition.

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Spain Will Celebrate Stamp Centennial

Spain is one of several nations which will celebrate the centennial of the issuance of its first postage stamps during the year 1950.

Its number one emission appeared on January 1, 1850.

Several nation wide events to celebrate the centennial will be promoted during the year included among which are a commemorative issue of stamps and a Centenary Stamp Exhibition.

On October 21 last, the Spanish Postal Administration issued a decree which authorized a series of stamps for the commemoration consisting of four denominations for regular postage and four for airmail.

Suggested were stamps with face values of 50c, 75c, 10 and

15 Pesetas in the regular category, and 1, 2.50, 20 and 25 Pesetas in the airmail.

Already Spanish collectors have protested loudly against the high face value of the stamps as well as the limited edition of the two high values in each category to 41,000 stamps each.

Designs for the stamps were selected in a competition open to all interested persons.

While it is not expected that the Centenary stamps will be ready for issuance before summer, it is expected that some form of recognition will be applied to covers mailed on January 1, the actual 100 year date.

According to Carlos Lenze, Barquillo 29, Madrid, Spain, it is thought that a commemorative postmark or cachet will be placed on covers on the anniversary date.

Mr. Lenze also reports that stamps of the regular postage series to the 10 Pts., and the La Cierva airmails to the 10 Pts. overprinted "Territorio de Ifni" were placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency in Madrid on October 10. To date, these stamps have not appeared for sale in the Territory of Ifni itself, and inquiry about this situation nets the reply that there was some "misunderstanding."

The Ifni stamps are terribly centered according to those who have seen any quantity of them. A stamp which would ordinarily be classed as a fair centered copy would pass as very fine for these Ifni overprints.

In the period from December 22 to January 3, persons sending mail in Spain will have to add two postal tax stamps to their mail. One of them is from the series for the elimination of tuberculosis and the other from the child Welfare series.

In the Pro Tuberculosis set will be values of 5, 10 and 25 centimos for the post card, inland letter and domestic airmail rates respectively.

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Serebrakian Announces Third Huge Auction

A contingent of wholesalers from Continental Europe and also from South America, seeking to liquidate their stocks in this country, have selected S. Serebrakian as the means of their liquidation because of the unusually successful auction record during the past year of the New York firm.

Immediately upon receipt of the news that his organization was selected, Mr. Serebrakian set his staff to work on his third huge auction, every one of which has offered over 3,000 lots. It is expected that this coming auction will be equally as large or larger.

No date has as yet been set for the sale although it is expected to take place sometime in the middle of January, 1950, at the Hotel Astor in New York.

In addition to the millions of stamps which are arriving here from overseas, there are many other liquidations originating in this country, which will use the facilities of the S. Serebrakian auction.

An unusual feature of the event is that it will offer the largest holdings of packets and collections that have ever been offered at any sale in the entire history of auctions.

Another feature is the exceptionally outstanding collection of France and French Colonies which has been broken down into several hundred lots to make the cream of these stamps available to buyers.

A catalog of the event is now in preparation and a copy will be available free on request from S. Serebrakian, Hotel Astor, New York 19, N. Y.

Magazine Lists Over 200 Nudes On Stamps

A recent list of the Nudes on Stamps which appeared in this paper missed one of the most prominent of such stamps according to Earl H. Strouse of Pottstown, Pa.

It is the United States 5c Olympic of 1932, Scott number 719, which pictures the nude discus thrower.

Mr. Strouse also notes that the August edition of Sunshine & Health, a nudist society magazine, has a list of 231 stamps picturing nudes from all countries of the world.

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September, October Bureau Plate Data

Evidence that the Post Office Department was making provisions for the Christmas rush for 2c stamps, the rate now in effect for the mailing of unsealed cards, is to be found in the report of the activities of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

A total of sixteen plates of the 2c denomination, which include two coils, were sent to the press and printed from for the first time during the month of September.

But four plate numbers were issued for postage stamp printing plates during September and these were for the 15c value of the UPU series.

The following is a list of the plate numbers which were assigned to plates during the month of September.

UPU 15c commemorative airmail, 200 subject plates, numbered 24147-8-9-50.

The following is a list of the plates which were sent to press and printed from for the first time during the month of September.

Presidential 2c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 22892-3.

Presidential 2c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 23983-4, 23987-8-9, 23991-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9.

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24109-10, 24124-5.

Edgar Allan Poe 3c commemorative, 280 subject plates, numbered 24143-4-5-6.

Presidential 4c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 22017-8.

Presidential 11c regular, 400 subject plate, numbered 22845.

Airmail 6c booklet, 360 subject plates, numbered 24141-2.

UPU 15c commemorative airmail, 200 subject plates, numbered 24147-8-9-50.

For October, the plate activity at the Bureau was rather limited as far as the assigning of new numbers or the printing from those already announced was concerned.

The following is a list of the numbers which were assigned to plates during October.

UPU 10c commemorative airmail, 200 subject plates, numbered 24151-2, 24155.

UPU 25c commemorative airmail, 200 subject plates, numbered 24153-4.

The following is a list of the plates which were sent to press and printed from for the first time during the month of October.

Presidential 3c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 24101-2.

Presidential 3c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24018, 24057, 24071, 24105.

Designers, Engravers Of Airmail Commems

The Post Office Department has released the names of those engravers and designers who were interested in the designing and engraving of the 10c and 25c UPU stamps and the 6c Wright Brothers issue.

Designer of the 25c UPU stamp was William K. Schrage. Engraver of the vignette was Matthew D. Fenton, while the Ribbon, Lettering and Numerals were the work of John S. Edmundson.

Charles R. Chickering designed the Wright Brothers 6c airmail issue. Engraving of the vignette and portraits was made by Charles A. Brooks. Axel W. Christensen was responsible for the Lettering and Numerals.

Mr. Chickering also designed the 10c UPU stamp. Source material from which the stamp picture was made was also released by the Department.

A photograph of the UPU Monument at Berne, Switzerland was taken from "L'Union Postale Universelle Sa Fondation Et Son Developpement 1874 - 1949, Memoire" Publie Pa Le Bureau International De L'Union A Berne.

The photograph of the Post Office Department Building at Washington was adapted from a photograph of the building supplied by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Engraving of the 10c UPU stamp was perforated by George A. Gunderson who made the vignette, and Reuben K. Barrick who was responsible for the Frame, Lettering and Numerals.

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Finland Might Adopt New Monetary Unit

Like in a number of other places, things are none to bright on the financial horizon of Finland. If rumors are to be believed, the monetary system of that country will be in for some profound revisions.

Apparently, Finland wants to junk its present markka, whose face value has been declining rapidly since the war, and replace it with something having a different name and more purchasing power.

What might be one of the last stamps valued in markka is a 300m stamp to be released early in 1950. This value had been announced as pending for over a year.

If and when the change goes through, collectors can expect an entire new series of stamps. No doubt in some cases there will be issues of a provisional nature to tide the Post Office Department through any shortages in certain stamp values they might have.

Announces Album For King George VI Issues

All the issues of British Colonial stamps produced during the reign of King George VI from 1935 to 1949 are given a space in the album announced as ready for collectors by the Union Stamp Co., 240 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

Consisting of over 150 pages in a handsome screw post type binder, the album sells for \$8.00 on a money back guaranteed basis.

Each of the pages have the spaces for the stamps laid out in boxes in an attractive manner. In nearly every box is a picture of the stamp which is to appear there.

Further details, or purchases of the album can be made from the Union Stamp Co. at the above address.

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Sweeney was a member in long standing of the A. P. S., holding the membership number 17282. He used this evidence of reliability to obtain selections of stamps, knowing that because of the policy of the A. P. S. of stringently investigating its membership applications that his low number would inspire confidence.

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through Watertown on a business trip, made inquiries, and obtained the lead that he was in Nevada, although the exact location was unknown.

The Post Office Inspectors however developed the lead, and Sweeney was arrested this Fall at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was tried in Federal Court of that district, and in release sent to the victimized dealers by E. E. White, Post Office Inspector of Watertown, N. Y. under date of November 30, 1949, the news is given that Sweeney entered a plea of guilty on November 10, and was sentenced to two years in a Federal penitentiary.

The sentence is an encouraging feature, especially in the light of any number of convictions of similar swindlers in the past who were subsequently paroled. It is of course possible that even Sweeney will be paroled without serving any of the sentence, although if an example were made of him, it is possible that others contemplating a career of philatelic crime via the United States mails may desist before they start.

The American Stamp Dealers' Association is at work at this very moment with the Post Office Inspectors on a similar case of a man who within the past twelve months was apprehended for use of the mails to defraud, but who was let off with a warning on a promise to make restitution. He has changed his location, and is now in the process of starting once again to use the mails to further his illicit ends.

Renewed vigilance on the part of dealers can put an end to this racket. Honest collectors should not be offended, as many are, when asked to supply unquestioned references; dealers should investigate all references thoroughly, refusing to accept even membership in national societies as evidence of reliability. In the Sweeney case, doing this led to certain loss, for even though a conviction was obtained, it is the policy of the courts never to insist on restitution.

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Big First Day Planned At Saratoga Springs

Rather elaborate ceremonies are planned when the first day of issue of the American Bankers Association 3c commemorative is held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. the first day city, on January 3.

Master of ceremonies will be Saratoga Spring's postmaster John T. Bryant.

Most of the public ceremonies will be held at the Casino. There, the audience will hear one of the officials of the American Bankers Association, as well as several special guests and members of the Post Office Department of Washington.

A special presentation album containing a sheet of the Bankers stamp will be presented to ABA President F. Raymond Peterson by Postmaster Bryant on behalf of the Post Office Department.

The stamp is being issued in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Founding of the American Bankers Association which was formed in Saratoga Springs at a meeting in the old town hall, now the city hall, 75 years ago.

As of this date, the Saratoga Springs post office has received over 100,000 covers for servicing on the first day of issue.

Guatemala, Bolivia Produce UPU Issues

Only three nations are concerned in the news about the UPU issues this week. One of them, Guatemala, is said to have finally released a single stamp for the anniversary. It has a face value of 30 centavos, is rose in color, and has a Mayan theme in its design.

Portugal's UPU set is to appear either in late December or in early January states Rafael Torres of Lisbon, Portugal. In Portugal itself little was known about the issue except that it will consist of several stamps.

Bolivia is another one of the south American nations to issue UPU stamps. Five in number, two of them will be for regular postage, and three for airmail.

Denominations are to be 1.40 and 4.20 Bolivianos (regular), and 1.40, 2.50 and 3.30Bs. (airmail).

The first day of issue will probably occur in January.

The Japan Foreign Trade Institute is planning to have a Japanese ship visit various American Ports in the near future. The boat is known as the Showboat Hikawa Maru. It is scheduled to visit Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York and Boston and possibly other points.

The boat will carry a varied line of Japanese products which will be on display for public view.

Leon J. Bamberger of the RKO Radio Pictures Inc., of New York has suggested to the Japanese Foreign Trade Commission that they include in the display a complete showing of all Japanese Postage Stamps. Mr. Bamberger has also suggested that the boat carry a stock of all current Japanese stamps which are available and which are to be sold at face value to visiting collectors.

Just whether this program will be carried out as Mr. Bamberger suggests is not yet definitely known, but it is believed that the arrangement will be made.

We hope to inform our readers before the boat arrives in America so that interested collectors might visit the display and perhaps obtain wanted stamps at face value.

Vatican's Holy Year Set In Late December

Vatican City's Holy Year issue was to have been released on December 23 or 24 according to word from Campagna Sammarinese, Salita Crescenzi 26, Rome, Italy. Consisting of eight stamps, the face value will be rather low, not over 50c in United States money.

Enough of these stamps will be printed to meet all the needs which might occur. It is expected that a number of the stamps will be purchased by the many pilgrims who will journey to Rome for the Holy Year events of 1950.

Also according to the above firm, the 1000 Lire value of the UPU commemorative issue should not be scarce in used condition since a large number of these are being used regularly on Vatican mail.

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Precancel NEWS

BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
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RICHMOND FAIR

The Third Annual Richmond (Ind.) Precancel Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday May 13th and 14th, 1950 at the Leland Hotel. This year's Fair is co-sponsored by the Detroit Precancel Club, The Illini Precancel Club, The Hoosier Precancel Club and the Central Ohio Precancel Club.

The usual Bourse with tables for fourteen dealers is arranged. Small exhibition and plenty of swapping. No Banquet is planned at this date all the time is spent for useful purposes.

ATLANTA ROUNDUP.

The South Atlantic Regional Roundup mentioned some time ago is drawing near. Dates are January 14th and 15th, 1950, Atlanta-Baltimore Hotel. Opens at 9:00 a. m. Saturday and runs till Sunday evening. A continuous Bourse and swap fest.

SEASONS GREETINGS.

Once again I am thankful I can wish my many friends and readers the Merriest kind of a Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Ken M. Gierhart

Issue Second Magazine For London's International Show

The number two edition of the Magazine of the London International Stamp Exhibition is available to interested persons. Progress in the matter of the exhibition which is to be held in the Great Room of Grosvenor House, May 6 to 13 is given as well as pertinent information for collectors and dealers who plan to attend or exhibit.

Offices of the International Exhibition are at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1., England.

Gadabouts Visit With Kankakee Collectors

The Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago continue their program of visits to neighboring clubs. Their last trip recently took them to Kankakee. As guests of the Kankakee Stamp Club, they were cordially received and took active part in the evening's activities.

President William Comben called on the visitors for a few words and Gadabout Chairman Baker spoke on the purposes and achievements of his committee; Jas. B. Glaze related few interesting experiences collecting his Czechoslovakia Music Sheets etc.; and L. E. Van Reeth, Editor of the "Straight-Edge" spoke of the value of a club publication, the added interest among club members and philately in general.

After adjournment, "Coffee and . . ." were in evidence, much to the gratification of the visitors who still faced a 60 mile trip back to their own bailiwick. The "Gadabouts" departed with a feeling that a swell bunch of Kankakee collectors had been added to their ever-increasing list of friends.

This season's schedule still calls for further nearby out-of-town visits to include Hammond and Gary, Indiana, Evanston, Ills., and other active clubs not too far from headquarters.

Naval Cancellations To Carry Ship Names

Collectors of Naval Cancellations will have something new to look for in the pursuit of their hobby.

According to a note which appeared in the December 13, Postal Bulletin, ship numbers and symbols will be replaced with ship names. The official announcement states:

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Judging Stamp Shows

Our article in the December 12th issue of this paper concerning the giving of the Research Award to a precancel collection has brought several very interesting letters commenting on the matter but especially with reference to the method of scoring the show rather than for any other reason.



GEO. W. LINN

Personally I was displeased with the attitude of some of the judges who objected to the giving of the award to the Precancels and these men frankly stated that they did not know anything about precancels and that they didn't give a — for them anyhow.

I feel justified in printing these statements for the sole reason that if we are to have stamp shows and have judges it should be understood by all who consent to serve in such capacity that the first duty of any judge is to be thoroughly open minded, without prejudice or bias. There is little doubt in my mind that this is too often lacking in judges who judge stamp shows. The boys simply do not take their task seriously enough and I believe that this point should be impressed upon the mind of every man who is asked to judge in any stamp show. It might be done by having each judge take a solemn oath that he enters upon his task without prejudice to any form of stamp collecting and who will agree to follow strictly the rules laid down for the judges and to score every display on the point system as set up by the exhibition committee.

Comment in letters from Steve Rich, Walter C. Brink and Erwin J. Franzel bring up other points that should be seriously considered in allowing points to score within a stamp show. The principal points these parties refer to are the points given for rarity. The consensus of opinion seems to be that rarity should be given either very few or no points at all. Rarity has little or nothing to do with stamp collecting. Rarity only means, as most people see it, high value. For naturally rarity would bring high value if the stamp or stamps are well known as being rarities, but there is the point that not one judge in a hundred is properly acquainted with and that is whether the stamp is rare or not. There are many very low priced stamps in the Scott catalogue that are extremely rare. A page of these could be shown in any show where there was a special prize for rarity and they could be looked over by the judges and passed up without any thought or consideration, yet they might be very rare items, yet cataloguing less than a dollar each. Any specialist knows this if he has a pet country, for there are many countries in which the collector may search for years for a low priced stamp and be unable to find one.

A better example and one more readily understood by most collectors can be cited from my own experience. I have a collection of triangles. The early Capes are very popular with wealthy specialists because there are several of them and they lend themselves to a splendid group in which to specialize. As a result they are popular and some of them are counted as rarities, especially such things as the woodblocks on cover. However let me tell you that the 3p Newfoundland triangle on cover is far more rare than either of the two Cape woodblocks on cover. Yet if a cover of each were shown in a show and one were asked about rarity, ninety-nine out of 100 would most likely pick the Capes.

Personally I believe that Rarity should not be scored in any stamp show. There should be no premium placed on a man's ability to spend money for stamps, rather we should reward the student and thinker.

It might be a desirable thing to separate the scoring for Philatelic Knowledge and Research. These are different matters and often confused by the collector or judge who will not think on the matter.

Philatelic Knowledge would consist of showing on the album pages such points about the stamps as are available from the standard catalogues and standard books on the stamps in question. Research would best be described as facts not generally explained in the catalogue, but gained through study and research by the individual collector. There is a certain distinction between the two and if it could be properly defined it would be desirable to separate them in the scoring.

If this were done it would help develop study and research and that would be beneficial to our hobby for the collector who has failed to make a specialized collection of some nature has missed the greatest thrill that comes from stamp collecting. Such a collection can be made of any country or even of the current stamps of the United States of today. Take any of the late commemoratives and it is possible to build up a collection that will fill a fifty page album. If you once get started right on such a collection, you will find that you will search for years to fill in some of the spots that can be arranged for.

The Boscawen Postmaster Provisional

Speaking about Research, I did a lot of it in running down information on that Portsmouth Postmaster Provisional and due to that activity I have just come by a bit of interesting information concerning the Boscawen. When in New York I was led to believe by conversation with various parties that the Boscawen Provisional, of which it is said only one copy is known, was in the possession of Mr. Caspari. This however is not the case as the owner, who bought it at the Barr Auction on February 3, 1937 is a noted student of history and a collector of note, Mr. Roy G. Fitzgerald of Dayton, Ohio.

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Author of the Postmark Chapter was L. C. C. Nicholson.

Since that date Mr. Nicholson has been approached on numerous occasions to supply the data given in section four of his original chapter, that on Obliteration Numbers. Inasmuch as the book has been out of print for a number of years and existing copies bring premium prices, he has agreed to republish this section which seems to be so popular.

Under the title of, "Jamaican Obliteration Numbers", the data is now available in the brochure form. There are 16 pages containing the original, the new and the corrected information as Mr. Nicholson has discovered it during the last 21 years.

Selling price of the brochure is \$1.50 from W. & S. Stamps, Ltd., 309 Old Kent Rd., London, S. E. 1, England.

Second Edition Of German Stamp Catalog

Still in its infancy, as far as the age of catalog series go, the Dr. Otto Hindrichs "Briefmarken Reform Catalog, 1950" carries a lot of man size information. The present book is the second one published.

Included in its pages (250 of them) is a very generous amount of information about the postage stamps of Germany, the German States, Occupation stamps, German Colonial stamps, the local issues from during and after the war, and the stamps of Memel, Danzig and Saar.

Chief handicap is the fact that the book is in German, the lack of knowledge of which will reduce the value of the catalog considerably.

Nevertheless the reference material is there, and well illustrated.

Interested persons can purchase a copy from the publisher, E. Schneider Verlag, Hechtsheimer Strasse 16, Mainz, Germany. Price is 6 Deutsch Marks.

Brochure Discusses German Colonial Stamps

A new edition has appeared of the "Reports for Collectors of Colonial Stamps," a publication edited in German by Dr. Eduard Ey as a companion to his new handbook of German colonial stamps and cancels, now in preparation in a limited edition on the subscription plan.

The contents of the present number of the "Reports," of which an English translation is being prepared, is divided fairly equally between Southwest Africa, East Africa, and the German possessions in the South Pacific.

The brochure covers 16 closely printed pages 5 1/2 x 8", with 22 illustrations, some of them in natural colors, and costs 65 cents.

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Included are the full names of persons with dates of birth and death when available. Also to be found are the names of the artists who made the statues busts or paintings reproduced on the stamps.

In just a few words, it can be likened to a brief encyclopedia of United States stamps and designs.

Consisting of 80 pages bound between heavy paper covers, the book is available from the Gossip Printery Holton, Kansas. A price was not given.

Essay Proof Society Elects New Officers

After the ballots for officers of the Essay-Proof Society were counted, it was found that Dr. Clarence Hennan of Chicago was again named the president.

Also named to office were Chester A. Smeltzer and John J. Britt as vice-presidents, Julian Blanchard as secretary, Julian Gros as treasurer, Ben Reeves, international secretary, and Stephen G. Rich board recorder.

Clarence Brazer will continue as editor of the Essay-Proof Journal with assistance from Julian Blanchard and Eugene Costales.

Announcement of the winner of the Hennan Trophy for the best article to appear in the "Journal" was made. Arthur Pierce of Philadelphia won it for his story on the Bermuda Perot issue.

Revenue Association President Reelected

In the recent yearly election of The American Revenue Association Elbert Hubbard, its organizer, was elected to his third term as president of the organization. Vice president, for his second consecutive term, is Morton Dean Joyce of New York. Charles H. Herman of Los Angeles has been elected to the post of secretary-treasurer.

Membership in the ARA is open to anyone interested in any kind of revenue stamps. Dues are nominal and include a subscription to the organization's informative monthly paper "The American Revenue." Interested persons may obtain membership blanks from the secretary at 5659 Buchanan, Los Angeles 42, California.

The Los Angeles section holds monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 4526 Katherine Ave., Sherman Oaks, California (730) to which any interested collectors in the Los Angeles area are cordially invited.

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I note in some quarters pretty much is made of the fact that President Truman is said to have requested Postmaster General Donaldson to issue a stamp for the 75th Anniversary of the American Bankers Association. The general theme of the idea is that if the President authorized the thing, why then it is all right. Well, it isn't all right.

With no disrespect meant to President Truman whatsoever, the stamp is a stinker with little merit, and the sin is a sin regardless of whom the motivator happened to be.

Actually, President Truman like a good sport pulled one of Secretary of Treasury Snyder's chestnuts out of the fire. Snyder is alleged to have promised such a stamp to the bankers when he addressed them recently. Then he had to call on the "chief" to save his face.

And I am not so sure that a stamp for Samuel Gompers has any place on the American scene either.

At the rate we're going, it wouldn't be surprising to find that a stamp for John L. the bushy-browed miner's mentor, is in the offing just to butter him up so he will be nice to us United States citizens.

1. Who were the five persons appearing on the Educator's series of the Famous American issue, on what denominations did they appear, and what is their native state?

2. The Ordinance of 1787 Sesquicentennial issue of 1937, also known as the first Northwest Territory stamp, had a map in its design. Part of the map was labelled "United States of America". What was the other part labelled?

Can't get very much sold on the merits of the 10c UPU commem., or the 25c center. Somewhere along the line again something.

Either because of the paper or the ink both stamps have a washed out appearance. The only thing which saves either of them is the rather nice design which appeared on both.

Surely it should be possible to use, say for the 25c UPU stamp, a glossy fire truck red, or for other stamps similar colors with hard or glossy finishes.

Even though the Post Office Department did invite Sweden's foremost stamp designer to spend some time in this country to help brighten up our engravers and designers, that isn't the entire trouble with our commemorative and other stamp designs.

If they just treat the things they do have, such as a good design, with the proper color and a good grade of ink and paper, our designers and engravers won't look as bad as they have been.

Want to remind all of you individual collectors, and those of you who belong to clubs to start your balloting for the best designed stamp of 1949, or to put it another way, the stamp you think is the best looking of those issued in 1949.

That will include everything, even the regular airmail stamp.

D. E. Archibald of Van Nuys, Calif. asked a question, the answer to which might be of interest to some of the rest of you.

He states that he bought a coil of 500 of the 6c airmail stamp and looked through it for line and paste up pairs. He stated that he found his line pair every 17 stamps as he should, but failed to find any of the paste-up variety. Just why he wanted to know, didn't he find any of the paste-ups.

Coil stamps, you know, are those rolls of stamps which are sold in strips from vending machines. They have a straight edge on two opposite of the four sides.

To begin with, so that everyone can go along on this, it would be well to tell what line and paste-up pairs are.

The plates from which coil stamps are printed on the rotary presses are seventeen stamps wide and ten long. When manufactured, the plates are curved so as

to fit the printing cylinder and to cover exactly half of its surface. Covering the other half is another plate seventeen stamps wide.

This works out that for each revolution of the printing cylinder, 34 stamps will be printed in each row of stamps.

Where the two plates are joined on the cylinder there remains a tiny crack, one on each side, this crack fills with ink same as the other depressed parts of the engraved printing plate, and prints a line between the stamps at that point. That makes a line pair.

When coil stamps were printed on the flat bed presses, there were 10 stamps in each row. When coils of such stamps were wanted, they were made by pasting strips of ten stamps together to form a continuous roll of them.

On the rotary presses, there is no need for such pasting up for the stamps are printed on a continuous moving sheet of paper which unwinds itself from a large roll at one end, and rewinds on the other after the stamp designs have been imprinted.

Later, this roll of stamps is processed with perforations, and cut into strips of a single stamp in width and sold in coil form.

Where there are 500 stamps in a coil or less, there will ordinarily be no paste-up pairs. It is only when coils of larger multiples of 500 are wanted, such as 1000, 1500 etc. that a paste-up will occur. The larger than 500 coils are made by pasting coils of 500 stamps together.

The only other times paste-ups will happen is when a coil breaks and must be joined together again, or when the inspector breaks a continuous strip to remove defective stamps and then joins the ends together again.

Know what the collectors of Akron, Ohio have on the fire simmering at this time?

With the intentions of bringing it to a boil in the next month or so, they are going to ask for a stamp to honor Charles Goodyear who accidentally discovered the process of vulcanizing rubber.

Goodyear was born in 1800 (died in 1860). So the Akronites, figure that this is as good a time as any to celebrate the 150th anniversary of his birth with a commemorative stamp.

Now and again, you get a piece of mail which has had the postage paid with a meter, and the meter stamp imprinted on the envelope. Generally accompanying the meter stamp is a slogan which advertises a service or a product or an institution.

Those slogans just don't get on there because someone has a clever thought to place before the American public. Before any of them can be used, they must first be submitted to a representative of the Post Office Department.

This has been a requirement for over 20 years and is written in the Postal Laws and Regulations. Since the POD would get the criticism if any objectionable slogan appeared, it must be careful.

One of the recent slogans which the Department rejected for use on meter mail was, "For Better Government Support The Hoover Report".

Perhaps that was good Post Office Department Politics since the said Hoover report found little if anything to commend about the Department. The report inferred that the Department was one of the poorest run and inefficient of the government enterprises.

1. 1c Horace Mann, Massachusetts; 2c Mark Hopkins, Massachusetts; 3c Charles W. Eliot, Massachusetts; 5c Frances Willard, New York and 10c Booker T. Washington, Virginia.

2. "Northwest Territory".

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ALBANIA: A three value set commemorating Labor Day (May 1) has been received. Denominations are 2½ lek brown, 51, blue and 81 maroon.

All stamps show the same picture which is of a bricklayer in overalls. In the background is a glove and a flag with the hammer and sickle.

BULGARIA: The UPU commemorative has been received. It is a 50ab blue showing a pigeon perched on a globe.

CHILE: A new 2 Peso blue airmail Scott's type AP9 has been received. The stamp is on watermarked paper and printed in Chile.



CONGO: We illustrate the new 4 franc UPU commemorative. The color is blue and the stamp is printed on granite paper by Courvoisier, the firm that prints for Switzerland.

We consider this stamp to be one of the most handsome of the UPU's, and a similar design will probably be forthcoming for Belgian East Africa.

DUTCH INDONESIA: Additional values in Republican currency have been received. These are the 20 sen and 25 sen, gray black and ultramarine respectively, showing the entrance to a building and 40 sen red violet and 80 sen scarlet showing a native and a building.



GUATEMALA: The three value airmail set reported here last month has been received. Each stamp has for its central design a blue oval bearing the coat of arms of the Guatemalan University.

REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA: The republic has joined the rest of the philatelic world in issuing a set to commemorate the UPU. There are two postage values consisting of a 10s Prussian green and chocolate brown on

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The stamps are very attractive and were printed in Austria by the state printery in Vienna. In the upper right hand corner there is a representation of the Postal Union monument at Berne with dates 1874-1949. In the lower left hand corner is a prancing bull with the dates 1945-1949.

When one considers that this enterprising little republic is not a member of the Postal Union, but that her UPU commemoratives are more flamboyant and have a higher face value than the UPU sets issued by its bona fide members, one is struck by the thought that perhaps the bull is the most appropriate part of the design.

CONGO: We illustrate the new 4 franc UPU commemorative. The color is blue and the stamp is printed on granite paper by Courvoisier, the firm that prints for Switzerland.

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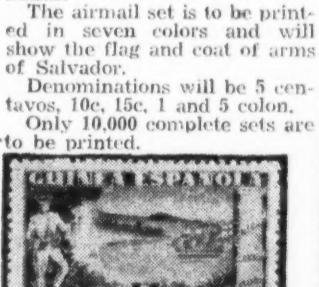
IRAN (PERSIA): An eight value set of attractive bi-colors just received show various scenes within the country and a portrait of Mohammed Riza Pahlevi.

SALVADOR: On December 14 there was issued a set of large sized commemoratives marking the first anniversary of the Revolution. There is to be one postage value with a face value of 8 centavos showing a civilian and a soldier shaking hands.

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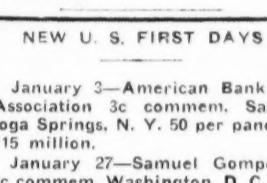
SPANISH W. AFRICA: A 5 ptas airmail honoring the Day of the Postage Stamp has been received. The stamp shows Queen Isabella complete with crown and scepter.

In the background are Arab buildings. The color is yellow brown.

SWEDEN: Two new coils have been issued in the three crown design, Scott's type A56. These are a 65c yellow green and a 70c blue.



TUNIS: A single postal value for aid to children has been received. The stamp shows a sleeping child. The color is dark green. Denomination is 25 franc plus 50 franc.

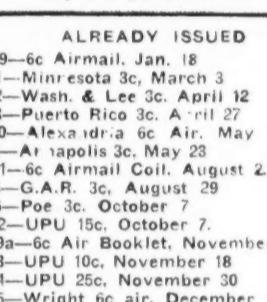


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NOTES: The 2c Columbian is the most common of the Columbian Series. It is the opinion of this writer that the method of collecting blocks with plate number marginal markings received a tremendous boost when this stamp was issued.

The great number of possible collectable positions was undoubtedly noted at that time. Nevertheless there is no doubt that there are dozens upon dozens of specific positions of this issue that merit a very high rating. It is my opinion, so long as I am now pioneering in placing specific valuations upon the various positions of this issue, that some of the foremost collectors of the Columbians will step forward and point out which positions have really proven difficult to obtain.

In the interim, I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to differentiate the following valuations and to apply my experience along those lines. I certainly am not standing pat on these valuations.

Without any reservation, all of the following is open to any reasonable and proven statistics and facts which will show that certain of the valuations presented here are, or are not in line.

I do want to reiterate once again that this is the first time that any individual has attempted to place specific position valuations, and that I would consider it a privilege to hear from anyone with his suggestions, so that future editions will contain complete revisions for the benefit of all concerned.

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So far the following values have been recorded in this in-between set: 1c, 7 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 50c and 80c. The 1c stamp is always bluish green and the 50c stamp is always perforated initials, for some unknown reasons.

Do any of you readers know of others of this set? Check your collection carefully. It may be a good idea to look over dealers stocks for these elusive items while the getting is good!

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CHARITY SEAL OR CLUB LABEL?

Illustrated herewith is a label issued by the "Danmarks Julemaerkforening" (Christmas Seal Assn. of Denmark). While this label bears the double-barred cross and has the words "Hjælp til Tuberkulose" at the bottom investigation has so far revealed that none of the funds received in the sale of this seal are ac-

tually used for combatting tuberculosis.



In a letter from the Denmark Christmas Seal Committee the following information is given: "The seals... are not issued by us, and we have no connection with that organization. We do know that it is an association of collectors whose purpose is to deal with and exchange Christmas seals. We also know that they have appealed to the minister of justice for authorization to collect funds from the public, which appeal has been denied. The signer of this letter is of the opinion that the seals only are sold among the members of this organization."

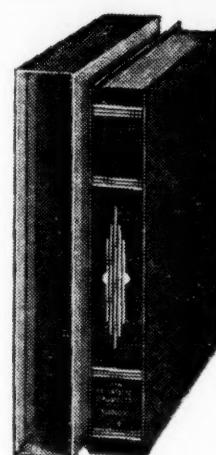
A letter from Dr. Erik Begtrup, chairman of the association states as follows:

"D. J. F. was founded in 1944 by Mr. Niels Krog, who was chairman the first year and then was succeeded by me. The society is an association of collectors of Christmas and charity seals of all kinds.

"We are not concerned directly with the Christmas Seal Committee, but have friendly connections with it. This seal is the first issued by our association, but we hope to be able to issue further seals in the following years. The designer of this seal was Viggo Madsen."

Therefore, in summing up, it seems that, although the label is a beautiful piece of art work, it would not be correct to call it a charity seal inasmuch as none of the funds derived from its sale, as far as is known at the present time, were used for charitable purposes.

This label was issued in sheets of 5, 5x11, perforated on four sides and printed in red, yellow, blue and white. At the bottom of the sheet appears "Issued by The Christmas Seal Association in Denmark to Help Fight Tuberculosis." On the reverse side is the price 10 ore.



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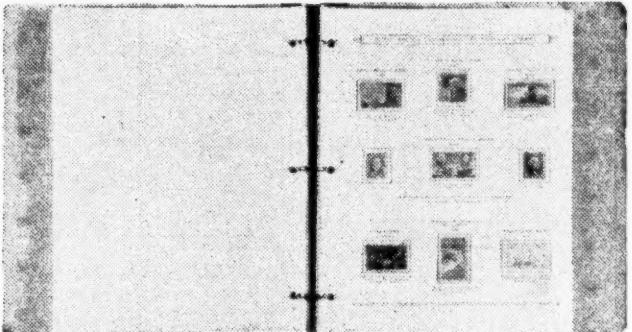
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After two entertaining, tho hot, months in our Nation's Capitol, with many side trips to New York and other important cities on the Atlantic Seaboard, my wife, Eleanor, and I started on the long trek back to California.

We couldn't part company with the East, however, without a word of thanks to Joseph Herbert, Jr., ARA D. of C. Representative and Morton Dean Joyce, ARA Vice President, for their hospitality and help given us while back there.

Too, we must at least mention the many philatelists we visited and had interesting pow-wows

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We trust that we can meet them on a return trip within a few years.

On our return trip our first stop of importance was at Chicago where we visited John Bobo, ARA Governer (and one of the current nominees for ARA President), and swapped stamps, stamp information and stamp stories for several hours.

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and I talked stamps.

We are sorry to say that we missed several important Chicago "Revenuers" because they were out when we called to arrange an appointment.

At our next stop, Madison, Wisconsin (the state capital) we visited the state offices and learned for the first time that Wine case stamps were put in use on July 18 of this year in the place of the bottle stamps which were formerly used. The old stamps will be used up on liquors in combinations to make up the required amounts.

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A second sheet will have 40c, 1.40 and 5Bs, (regulars) and 40c, 3 and 5Bs, (airmails). It too will appear perf and imperf.

Third sheet will have the denominations of 40c, 1.40, 3 and 5Bs, (regulars) and 50c, 1, 2 and 4Bs in both a perforate and imperforate sheet.



NEW ISRAEL STAMPS. The new stamps for regular postage and postage due which were described on page one of the December 12 edition of Linn's are shown above. The first day of issue is December 19. The six stamps for regular postage will have various coins pictured similar to the one shown, while the postage dues all have the same design.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

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AUSTRALIA. While all of the U.P.U. sets are popular, the large demand for the single 3½ pence stamp of Australia has already created a shortage. The low price may have encouraged speculators to buy this item in large quantities.

BARBADOS. In July this column advised that the 8 pence stamp of Barbados, Scotts No. 199A, had been withdrawn and that having been in use only a short time, it should be a good item.

At this time the wholesale price when available is from 40 to 50 cents and in London, the retail price is reported to be around \$1.00.

NEW GUINEA. Various dealers are offering certain obsolete stamps of New Guinea at low prices, from a fourth to a fifth of catalogue prices. These stamps come from Japan and it is presumed that they were brought back by Japanese soldiers.

While this supply lasts, they are a good buy at present offered prices. The same condition exists in several obsolete stamps of Hong Kong.

WEST INDIES. Rumors are plentiful regarding changes in the stamps of all of the British West Indies. It is expected that all of these colonies will soon adopt the dollars and cents currency with new stamps based on the new currency.

It is also expected that eventually they will consolidate into one dominion with the adoption of a uniform dollar currency and one issue of stamps for use throughout the new dominion.

If and when this occurs it will eliminate stamps of all of the individual British West Indies, which have been popular with collectors.

LEEWARD ISLANDS. The recent issuance of six changes of colors has created a scarcity of the superceded colors. Rumors in connection with impending changes in all of the British West Indies, mention Leeward Islands as the next to make the contemplated change.

Watch the stamps of Leeward Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. It is rumored on good authority, that an entirely new set of pictorial stamps may be expected soon.

Reorganized Club Includes Other Hobbies

With the intention of giving a wider scope to the hobbies which the members of the club have, the Southeast Stamp and Hobby Society has broadened its scope of activity and changed its name to the Southeast Hobby Society.

The club meets regularly the first and third Friday of each month at the Girl's Club House, Orange and Tweedy Blvd., Huntington Park, California.

Most of the members are interested in stamps and coins, but those who have more than one hobby, will be able to follow it to better advantage in cooperation with persons who have like tastes.

Officers of the reorganized group are president Philip McDonald; vice-president, Kenneth H. Hensen; secretary, Mrs. Marie J. Newton and Fred Jackson, treasurer.

Collectors are welcome to attend the meetings.

Five Figure Loss For New York City Dealer

Word is just at hand that the Union Stamp Company of 240 Broadway New York, has suffered a severe loss of \$50,000 to \$70,000, due to a burglary of their premises. Details are lacking and we hope for further news for next week.

W. R. King Noted Collector Passes

We are just advised that W. R. King of Grand Island, Nebraska has passed away. Mr. King is one of the staunch old guard in the Philatelic world. His activities date back for over half a century as an active Philatelist and he is well known as a collector of Philatelic Literature.

Mr. King has been a life long friend and correspondent of the Editor of Linn's Weekly.

Joint sovereigns of Andorra, tiny country in the Pyrenees, are the president of France and the Spanish bishop of Urgel, but the people elect their own parliament every four years.

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